

*Paying Respects to the Standing, Sitting & Reclining  
Sacred Buddha Images of the Land of Heroes Celebrate*

**Sing Buri**  
*Thailand*

*The Amazing Power of Faith in Buddhism The  
Eternal Bond that Links Thai Buddhists in Life  
and the Afterlife Running Through  
a Land of Historical Significance*

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Sing Buri is a sacred land that is rich in profound Buddhist legends and the history of the free Thai race. Every life here is linked to symbols of peace. Temples, Buddhist assembly halls, historical sites, and artifacts can be found in the city along waterways that flow with Buddhist faith. They lead the way for spiritual fulfillment and an accumulation of prestige and good fortune for those who pay homage to Buddha images. It is believed that should a person be able to pay homage to 9 temples, he will receive the blessing as bestowed upon him by each temple.



*An Invitation to Dharma  
Practice at Wat Amphawan*

Start with paying homage to a gold Buddha image from the Sukhothai period in the Man Wichai posture. The image's facial features are soft and delicate, defining the happiness of the era at "Wat Sathian Watthanadit."

"Wat Prachotikaram" has the sacred Luang Pho Sap and Luang Pho Sin, standing Buddha images that can bless good commerce, as well as holy religious items and astonishing tales.

"Wat Salakhodom" has Luang Pho Sian and the fascinating story behind the image. Visitors can exorcise misfortune and attach gold leaf under the base for good luck.

"Wat Phra Prang" features Luang Pho Hin Sai, a sacred Buddha image from the Lop Buri period. Visitors can also pay homage to Luang Pho Si, a famous monk whose verbal teachings instilled knowledge in Luang Pho Phae.

"Luang Pu Ruang of Wat Sawang Arom" has dedicated his life to collecting

over 300 shadow play figures that represent a priceless heritage for the present generation.

Afterwards, proceed to pay homage to one of the largest reclining Buddha images in Thailand at "Wat Phra Non Chaksi Worawihan." Then have your fortune determined under Sala trees around the compound.

"Wat Phikun Thong" houses Phra Suwan Mongkhon Maha Muni, a large image in the Prathan Phon posture and a wax figure of Luang Pho Phae, the builder monk of Sing Buri.

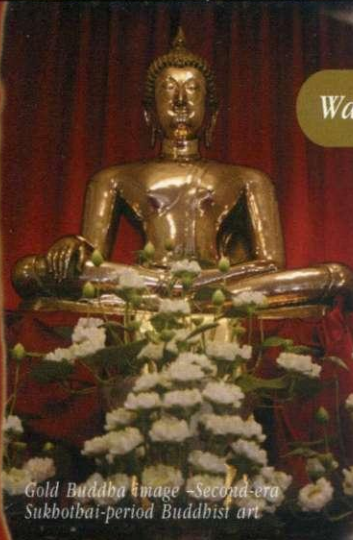
It is said that "Wat Sing Sutthawat" is the site of the old city after King Taksin the Great liberated the country. The temple is still full of city legends that have never faded from the hearts of people here.

"Wat Pho Kao Ton" is well known for its legend of the Prachiat cloth and holy items of Phra Achan Thammachot, the brave warrior of Bang Rachan.

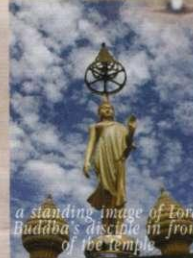
**Wat Sathian Watthanadit**

Visit this temple to pay homage to the gold Buddha image from the second era of the Sukhothai period, the fourth such image discovered in Thailand. If the lights in the room are turned off, the image will glow with a golden champagne color. When paying homage to the image, do not forget to receive the image's blessing by touching the tip of the middle finger on the right hand and ask for good fortune. Then pay homage to Luang Pho Choei, famous for his holy words. In addition, there are 4 Lord Buddha's footprints to revere, created by Rattanakosin-period royal artisans.

**Blessing** Pray for intelligence or ask for good luck and physical attractiveness for your unborn child.



*Gold Buddha image -Second-era  
Sukhothai-period Buddhist art*



*a standing image of Lord  
Buddha's disciple in front  
of the temple*

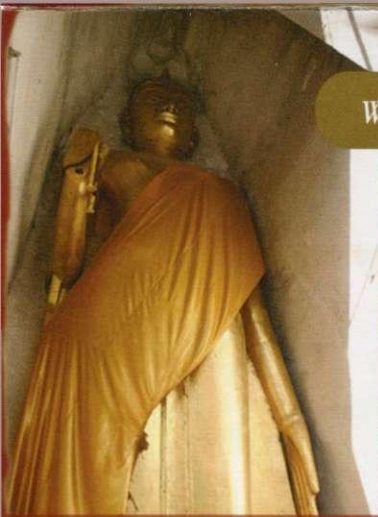


*Four Lord Buddha's  
footprints*



*Luang Pho Choei the verbally holy monk.*





Luang Pho Sap



Luang Pho Sin

## Wat Prachotikaram

**Blessing** Those engage in commerce will be wealthy after praying here.

Luang Pho Sap-Luang Pho Sin are Buddha images unlike any other. Legend has it that any city that has images of this posture will prosper and its citizens will be happy. This temple appears in the legend "Singhaphahu." It was built in the same era as Wat Phra Non Chaksi. It is believed that businessmen and merchants who pray here will be successful in trade.

"Luang Pu Ong" is a religious artifact with an interesting legend. When it was first discovered, many religious items were found inside. Nowadays it holds holy water for people to pay homage to and take home to bless their house.



Beside Luang Pho Sap-Luang Pho Sin assembly hall



Luang Pu Ong, a Sukhothai-period earthen jar



in front of Luang Pho Sap-Luang Pho Sin assembly hall



Luang Pho Sian, a sacred Buddha image

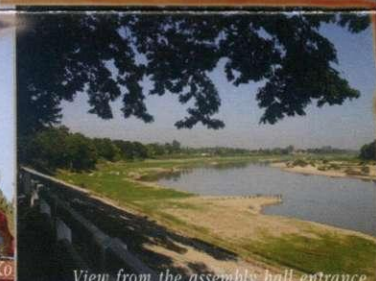
## Wat Salakhodom

Luang Pho Sian is a sacred Buddha image that is regarded as beautiful according to Buddhist styles. Villagers found the head of the image in front of a deserted temple but discovered no lower body, so they placed the head atop a new body at Wat Salakhodom. The original head was encased in plaster. This temple was granted royal permission to use the royal initials of Her Majesty the Queen on the front of the hall. The hall was raised by villagers 1.90 meters higher to pay homage to Lord Buddha.

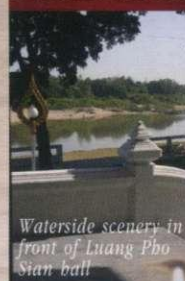
**Blessing** Those that attach gold leaf and crawl under the base will receive good luck for them and their family. They will always be blessed with love and unity.



The royal initials 'So Ko'



View from the assembly hall entrance



Waterside scenery in front of Luang Pho Sian hall



Attach gold leaf under the base of Luang Pho Sian



Luang Pho Si bronze image, the monk with holy words

## Wat Phra Prang

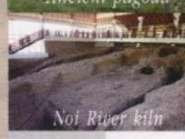
**Blessing** Ask for good fortune in one's life.

Visit this temple to pay homage to "Luang Pho Si," a monk famous for his holy words and who was the teacher of several well-known monks like Luang Pho Phae of Wat Phikun Thong.

The residence of the present abbot houses what is believed to be a sandstone Buddha image from the Lop Buri period. Apart from the opportunity to receive blessings, visitors to the temple can learn about Noi River kilns. This was the largest production site in the Ayutthaya period and was a popular export during the reign of King Narai the Great. Also on display are the assembly hall and the pagoda from the early Ayutthaya period.



Ancient pagoda



Noi River kiln



Artifacts found



A sacred Buddha image, a sandstone Buddha image from the Lop Buri period

## Accommodation

### Amphoe Muang Sing Buri

1. Sing Buri Palace Hotel  
036-520-904
2. Chao Phraya Gardens Hotel  
036-511-348
3. City Hotel  
036-512-254
4. Sing Buri Hotel  
036-511-752

### Amphoe Phrom Buri

1. Rung Arun Fishing Park  
036-599-111

## Restaurants

### Amphoe Muang Sing Buri.

1. Mae La Pla Phao  
036-512-431
2. Phaibun Kai Yang  
036-512-132
3. Lek Tom Luat Mu  
036-212-714
4. Lung Choet Pla Phao  
036-511-740
5. Charoen Thip  
036-511-293
6. Ramphung  
036-520-757
7. Athit Phochana  
036-512-517

### Amphoe Bang Rachan

1. Ban Suan Mae La Ka Rong  
036-501-047
2. So Rim Nam  
036-534-200

### Amphoe Phrom Buri

1. Kung Phao Thong Chup  
036-599-256
2. Phae Lung Chao  
036-537-162
3. Rung Arun Fishing Park  
036-599-111
4. Phat Thai Pak Bang  
036-537-433
5. Pak Bang Steakhouse  
036-599-029
6. Kangan Lom  
036-598-628

### Amphoe In Buri

1. Khao Kaeng Mae Niramom  
036-544-129
2. In Buri Village  
036-582-289
3. Khao Tom Klang Wan Che Noei  
036-581-144
4. Khrua Chao Phraya  
036-532-915
5. Khao Kaeng Roi Mo  
01-851-5781
6. Nong Ple  
036-581-600
7. Phat Thai In Buri  
036-533-649

## Souvenirs

### Amphoe Muang Sing Buri

1. Salapao Mae Sai Chai  
036-511-672
2. Ketsara Bakery  
036-512-197
3. Pathum Thip  
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4. Kuanchiang Nai Eo  
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5. Pla Chon Daet Dia Che Som Si  
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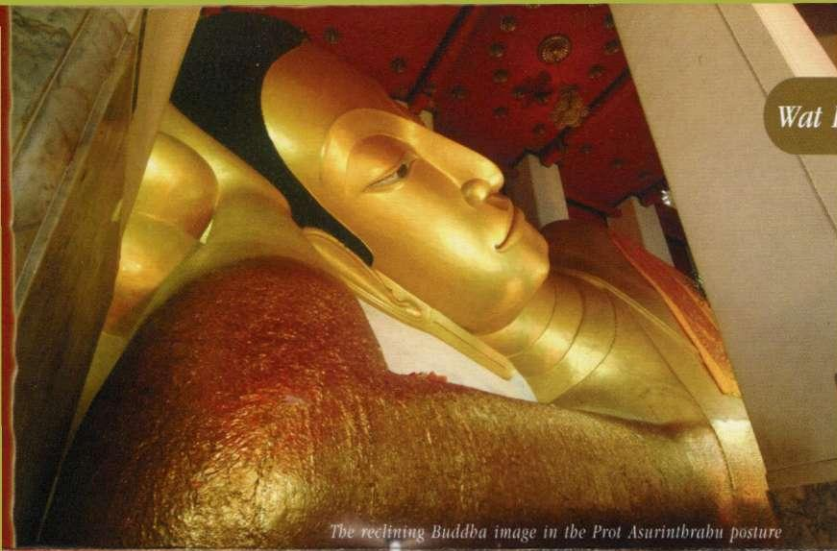
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### Amphoe In Buri

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2. Khanom Pia Lao Sa Ki  
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3. Pla Chon Daet Dia Che Orawan  
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The reclining Buddha image in the Prot Asurintrahu posture

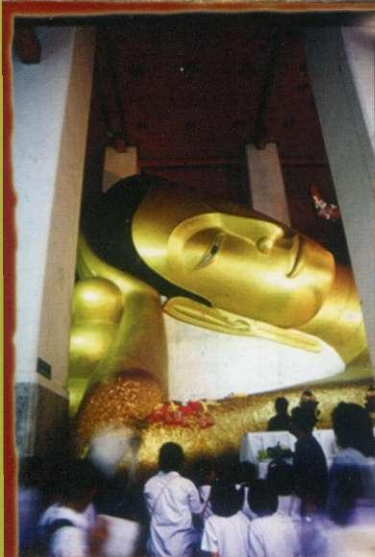
## Wat Phra Non Chaksi Worawihan



Large cannonball flower

The large reclining Buddha image in the Prot Asurintrahu posture is a sacred image that has one of the most beautiful Buddhist attributes in Thailand. Around the temple are areas for meditation. It is also a center for Buddhist education, particularly for dharma and Pali scholars. The main Buddha images here Phra Kaeo and Phra Kan.

Sing Buri people believe that if you pay homage to Wat Phra Non Chaksi and view the more than 100 large cannonball trees around the temple, then clap your hands and pray at the same time, if flowers fall from the trees then your wish will come true.



Golden flames reflect Buddhist faith



Phra Kaeo-Phra Kan, the main Buddha images in the pledge of allegiance ceremony

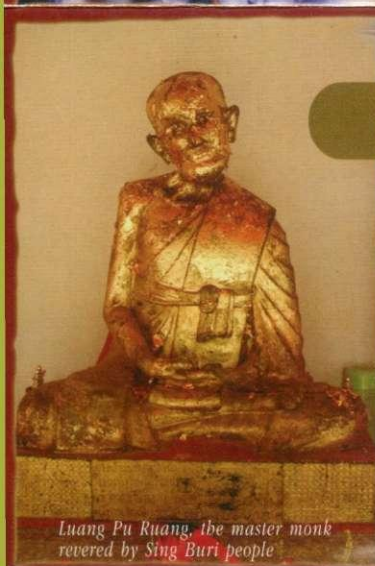
**Blessing** Worshippers will receive happiness and a stable life, be wealthy, successful, and enjoy good health. Do not forget to save the life of cows and buffalos for good fortune.



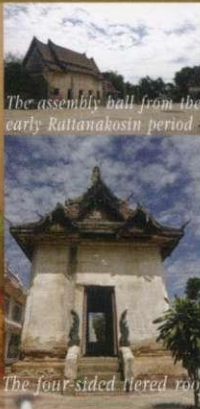
Bright eyes worthy of compassion



Praying for good fortune from the image for the entire family



Luang Pu Ruang, the master monk revered by Sing Buri people



The assembly hall from the early Rattanakosin period

The four-sided tiered roof

## Wat Sawang Arom



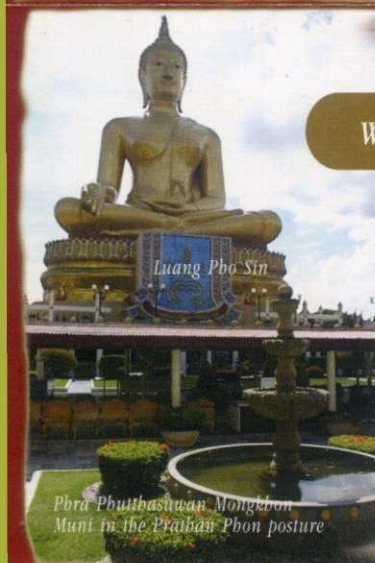
**Blessing** Ask for good fortune in life.



Wat Sawang Arom is where worshippers can pay homage to Luang Pu Ruang, the former abbot of Monthon Krung Kao and Wat Sawang Arom. He dedicated his life to collecting over 300 ancient shadow play figures made by royal artists so that future generations can study them. Every figure is priceless and on display in the museum here. Inside the compound is an assembly hall from the early Rattanakosin period (now functions as a Vihara), four Lord Buddha's footprints, wall murals drawn by villagers, and a majestic and absolutely astounding four-sided tiered roof. Visitors can see villagers carve shadow play figures.



Sacred shadow play figures that have well preserved



Phra Phutthasuan Mongkhon Muni in the Prathan Phon posture

## Wat Phikun Thong

People come here to pay homage to the replica bronze image of Luang Pho Phae in the assembly hall. "Luang Pho Phae" was a developer monk and a teacher who was famous for doing good. He was widely known as "the monk who built Sing Buri" as he made "Phra Phutthasuan Mongkhon Muni" or Thailand's largest seated Buddha image in the Prathan Phon posture. Inside the temple is the assembly hall where the image of Luang Pho Phae is situated for people to worship.

**Blessing** Worshippers will be successful in work and achieve greatness.



The assembly hall housing the bronze image of Luang Pho Phae



A bright and clear afternoon sky



The plan for releasing animals to make merit



The bronze image of Luang Pho Phae





The main Buddha image in the glass assembly hall

## Wat Sing Sutthawat

**Blessing** Ask for good fortune for your life.

Wat Sing Sutthawat is where the city of Sing Buri was located. It houses Luang Pho Nak, a carved green sandstone Buddha image and Luang Pho Chai, an ancient and sacred image that has been with the temple for over 100 years.

The glass assembly hall is surrounded by the mythical Naga serpents. The hall itself glows with light reflections. The wall murals inside have been newly drawn to make the life of Lord Buddha easier to understand.



The glass assembly hall



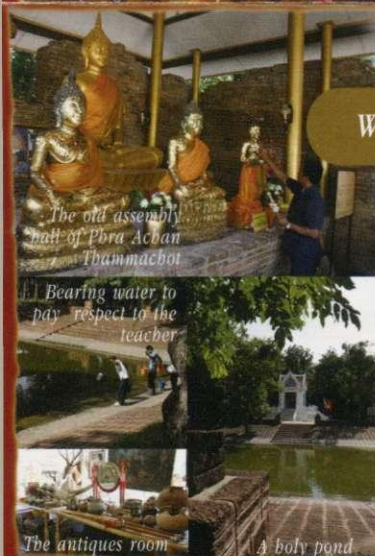
Luang Pho Nak

Luang Pho Chai



A pagoda still standing for worshippers

King Rama V Throne Hall



The old assembly hall of Phra Achan Thammachot

Bearing water to pay respect to the teacher

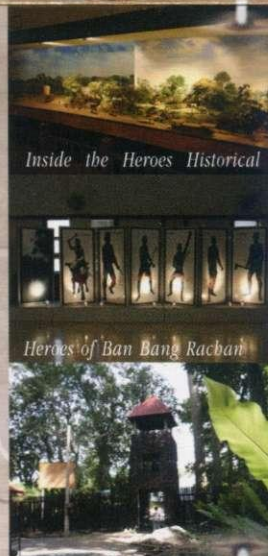
The antiques room

A holy pond

## Wat Pho Kao Ton

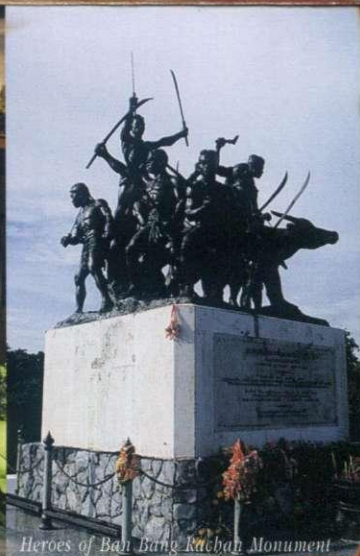
Phra Achan Thammachot was the warrior of Bang Rachan who united locals by using compassion and intelligent policy. His legacy remains to this day. Worshippers usually bear water from the pond behind the assembly hall to pour into the holy pond in front of the hall. Near it is a waterside museum displaying antiques. Visitors can cross the road to pay homage to the Heroes of Bang Rachan Monument and view the Heroes Historical Study Center inside the park.

**Blessing** Those that worship Phra Achan and the heroes will enjoy love and unity within their organization and be protected from harm.



Inside the Heroes Historical

Heroes of Ban Bang Rachan

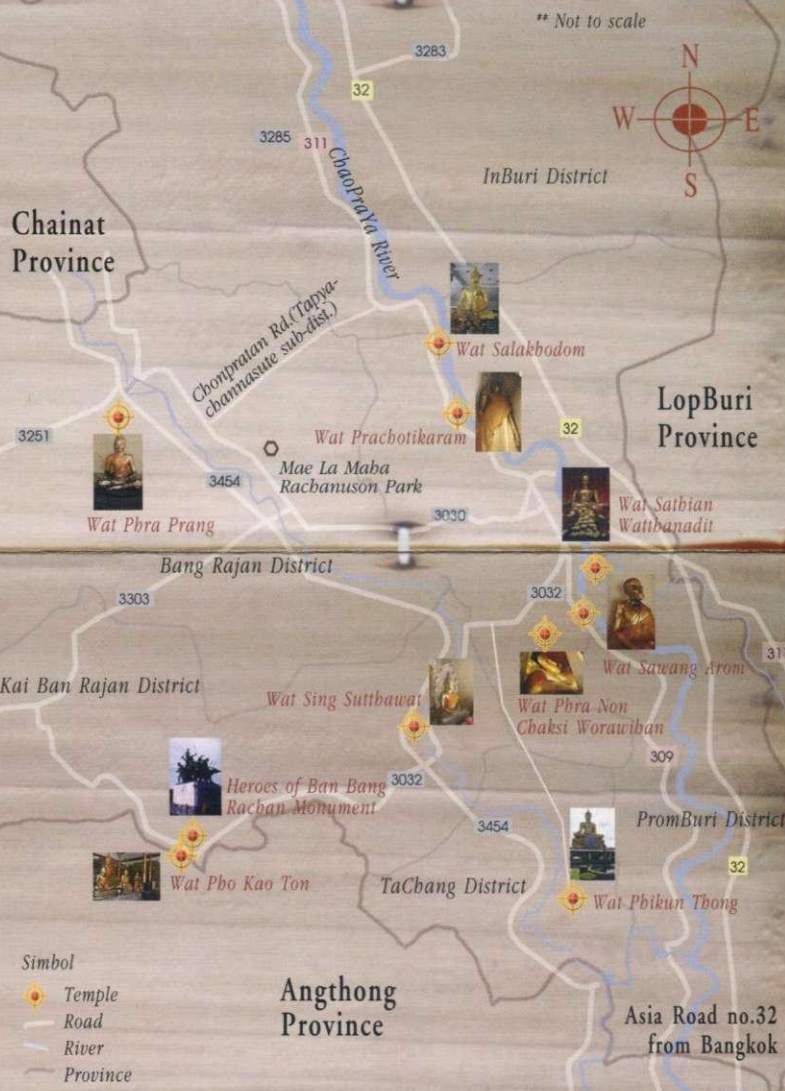


Heroes of Ban Bang Rachan Monument

## Getting There

From Bangkok, take the Asian Highway (No. 32) north to Sing Tai Intersection, then about 2 km. to Wat Sathian Watthanadit on the left of the road. From Wat Sathian, take the same road north across the river. At the second red light turn right onto Highway No. 311 (Sing Buri-Chai Nat) and drive for about 5 km. until you see Wat Prachotikaram on the right. About 5 km. past Wat Prachotikaram you will enter the boundary of Amphoe In Buri and you will notice Wat Salakhodom on your right. From Wat Salakhodom, drive for 500 m. into Tambon Thap Ya, then turn left along Chonlaprathan Road (between Tambon Thap Ya-Channasut) past Mae La Maha Rachanuson Park. Keep driving until you meet Highway No. 3030 at Tambon Pho Chon Kai and turn right and drive for 5-6 km. across Noi River onto Highway No. 3454. You will see Wat Phra Prang (Noi River kilns) on the right. After Wat Phra Prang, head south using Highway No. 3454 for around 5 km. to Hai Si Hu Intersection (you will see a large four-handle jar atop the police box in front of Hai Si Hu Market). Turn left across the Noi River onto Highway No. 3030, then go into Sing Buri City (you can break for lunch in the city) and drive for about 10 km., then turn right onto Highway No. 309 for about 2 km. Wat Sawang Arom will be on your left. From there, go back onto Highway No. 3032 (Sing Buri-Suphan Buri) and drive for approximately 3 km. to Wat Phra Non Chaksi on the left of the road. After Wat Phra Non Chaksi, go onto Highway No. 3032 to the intersection, then turn left and continue for around 8 km. and you will see a sign leading to Wat Phikun Thong. From Wat Phikun Thong, turn left onto Highway No. 3032 across the Noi River to the intersection of Highway No. 3032 and 3454. Turn right and drive for about 2-3 km. and you will InBuri District see Wat Sing Sutthawat on the right. Upon finishing at Wat Sing Sutthawat, return to the previous intersection (No. 3032 and No. 3454) and turn right into Amphoe Khai Bang Rachan and into Wat Pho Kao Ton which will be on your right. Then cross the street to pay homage to the Heroes of Bang Rachan Monument and visit the Ban Bang Rachan Heroes Historical Study Center before heading home. After completing this journey, you will be filled with good fortune and enjoy happiness for all time...

## Chainat Province



### Symbol

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## Anghong Province

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